

“Not Ashamed of the Gospel”

Romans 1:14-17

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Main Point: We are obligated to share the gospel with an unbelieving world.

Introduction

- Before coming to faith in Christ, what did you believe a person had to do to be right with God? How has your understanding changed?

Understanding

1. I Am Debtor. Read Romans 1:14.

- a. Who was considered a barbarian? Who were the wise and the foolish in this verse?
- b. Why did Paul feel obligated to the Greeks and barbarians?
- c. A debtor is someone entrusted with something meant to be passed on. In what ways do you feel the weight of that obligation in your own life?

2. I Am Ready. Read Romans 1:15.

- a. What kinds of things are mistaken for the true gospel of Christ?
- b. The sermon describes the gospel as "good news, not good views." How does treating the gospel as news rather than opinion change the way you present it to others?
- c. How eager are you to preach the gospel?

- d. Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-29 and contemplate how you would respond in the situations that Paul found himself in?

3. I Am Not Ashamed. Read Romans 1:16-17.

- a. What does it mean to be ashamed?
- b. Why might we be ashamed of the gospel at work, with our acquaintances, or with our family?
- c. What does Jesus say in Luke 9:26 is the consequence of being ashamed of Him?
- d. How is the gospel “God’s power for salvation”?
- e. Why is it important to remember that the *message itself* carries the divine power, rather than our own rhetorical skill, clever arguments, or persuasive presentation?
- f. What does it mean for God’s righteousness to be revealed “from faith to faith”?
- g. From these two verses, what can you conclude is the purpose of our lives as believers? How does this change the way God calls us to steward our resources, time, and talents?
- h. Share a time when you have shared the gospel with someone. What happened?

Application

- The sermon closes with three applications: believe the gospel, live the gospel, and share the gospel. Which of these three is the most pressing challenge for you right now? What is one specific step you could take this week?